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Sir:

Enclosed herewith are a "List of Prior Art Cited by Applicant" (PTO Form 1449) listing two documents and copies of the documents listed therein.

"Protocol Management Mechanism for Agent Interaction" from the IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, Vol. 40, No. 12 (December 1997), page 29, provides a brief discussion of a mobile market advertiser agent for a first entity being disposed at a second entity's location.

"Communication Method for a Mobile Agent Using an Existing Protocol" from the IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, Vol. 40, No. 8 (August 1997), pages 127-129, discloses a mechanism for a mobile agent to connect to objects and communicate at a host site.

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The documents are provided for the information of the Examiner. Provision of same is not meant to convey that a complete search has been conducted or that the enclosed represents all of the related patents in the subject area.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the enclosed documents and indicate consideration thereof by initialing the enclosed PTO form 1449 and returning a copy of the initialed form to Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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